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He received a JD from Rutgers Law and a BA from The College of New Jersey. Brandon is a master continuity practitioner through the U.S. Department of Homeland Security and is a certified information privacy professional. He is licensed to practice law in New Jersey.